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By Mr. Marzilli of Arlington, petition of J. James Marzilli, Jr., and others relative to cloning. Public Health.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

J. James Marzilli, Jr.	Peter V. Kocot
Frank I. Smizik	Byron Rushing

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 94 of the General Laws as  
2 appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting the following:—

4 For the purpose of this act, the following phrases shall have the  
5 following meanings:—

6 (a) “Genetically engineered” shall mean

7 (1) An organism that has been altered at the molecular or cel-  
8 lular level by means that are not possible under natural conditions  
9 or processes (including recombinant DNA and RNA techniques,  
10 cell fusion, microencapsulation, gene deletion and doubling, intro-  
11 duction of foreign genes, and a process that changes the positions  
12 of genes), other than means consisting exclusively of breeding,  
13 conjugation, fermentation, hybridization, in vitro fertilization, or  
14 tissue culture; or

15 (2) The offspring of an altered organism, if the offspring pos-  
16 sseses any of the changed molecular or cellular characteristics of  
17 the parent.

18 (b) “Genetically engineered food” means items for human con-  
19 sumption that contain or were produced using seeds or hormones  
20 that consist wholly or partly of genetically engineered organisms.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 94 of the General Laws as appearing in  
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the  
3 following sections after section 328:—

4 Section 329. Any person or corporation who utilizes genetically  
5 engineered organisms in the production of food products for use  
6 and sale, including, but not limited to, seeds, hormones, produce,  
7 fresh or processed food products and foodstuffs and other prod-  
8 ucts for consumption, shall conspicuously label said products with  
9 a label indicating the presence of genetically modified organisms  
10 as either a component for production or ingredient in said product.

11 The following shall be acceptable notification:

12 THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS A GENETICALLY ENGI-  
13 NEERED MATERIAL, OR WAS PRODUCED WITH A GENET-  
14 ICALLY ENGINEERED MATERIAL

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.